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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian
Border Photographic Reconnaissance
26 September - 2 October 1967

1. The attached report on the subject by the Chairman, Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX), is circulated for the information of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

2. It is not contemplated that the attached report will be placed on the agenda unless a USIB Principal so requests prior to the close of business 6 October 1967. In the absence of such a request, it will be considered for record purposes that USIB "noted" the subject report on that date.

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Executive Secretary

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Report to the United States Intelligence Board
by
Chairman, COMIREX
on
South China/North Vietnam and Sino-Indian Border
Photographic Reconnaissance
26 September - 2 October 1967

1. The following is a report on photographic coverage of:
 - a. Priority "Base Line" targets in South China and North Vietnam as defined by the Board on 3 March 1966^a (paras 2-6);
 - b. North Vietnam to detect the introduction of offensive missile systems^b (paras 7 and 8);
 - c. Targets in Laos adjacent to the South China border^c (no coverage);
 - d. Targets in the Sino-Indian Border area^d (no coverage).

South China/North Vietnam - "Base Line"

2. Changes to Priority Targets: No changes were made to the priority list during this period. The total remains at ☐ targets.

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^a USIB-D-41.14/283 (COMOR-D-25/207), 4 March 1966
^b Memo to Holders of USIB-D-41.14/308 (COMOR-D-25/220), 23 May 1967
^c USIB-D-41.14/260 (COMOR-D-25/184), 13 September 1965
^d USIB-D-41.14/276 (COMOR-D-25/201), 19 January 1966

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3. Missions during the Period: According to field reporting, a BUMBLE BUG mission, flown 30 September, photographed the Phuc Yen Airfield.

4. Base Line/Surveillance Coverage Reported during the Period: Two missions, flown in a previous reporting period, acquired surveillance coverage of two priority targets in North Vietnam.

5. Tab A: Lists all priority targets and shows the status of Base Line/Surveillance coverage as follows:

Column 2 - Underlining indicates base line or surveillance coverage added since the last report.

Column 4 - Base Line coverage shown by date.

Column 5 - The number of times surveillance coverage has been added to the base line photography.

Column 6 - Date of the most recent base line/surveillance quality coverage.

6. The Map at Tab B: Shows the distribution of the targets illustrating the primary areas for lines of communication by shading. The 150 targets listed in Tab A which have been covered by base line quality photography are shown by a black dot, the remainder of the by a black circle. Arrows indicate base line/surveillance coverage added during the reporting period.

North Vietnam - "Offensive Missiles"

7. There has been no report of photographic detection of the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam.

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8. The Map at Tab C: Shows the [redacted] photographic coverage of North Vietnam (80% or better cloud-free) that has been reported in the three week period ending 2 October. This has been reported in accordance, with the photo reconnaissance area grid system. In addition to area coverage, the map shows ten targets that could most likely reveal the introduction of offensive missile systems into North Vietnam, the Kun Ming railroad yards, the eleventh target, is at 2501N and is consequently off the map.

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Chairman
Committee on Imagery Requirements
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